

Appln. No. 09/960,058
Amendment dated October 10, 2003
Reply to Office Action mailed July 11, 2003

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 have been cancelled. Claims 10-17 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraphs 1-4 of the Office Action

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite.

Claims 1-9 have been canceled and therefore the rejection is mute.

Withdrawal of the §112 rejection of claims 1-9 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraph 5 of the Office Action

The title of the invention has been objected to as not being descriptive.

The title has been amended, and it is submitted that the title, particularly as amended, is descriptive of the invention.

Withdrawal of the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Office Action

Claims 1 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jager, US 5,665,124.

Claims 1 and 6 have been canceled, and as such, the rejection is mute.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection of claims 1 and 6 is therefore respectfully requested.

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Paragraphs 8-11 of the Office Action

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rit.

Claims 1-9 have been canceled, and as such the rejection is mute. As to new claims 10-17, the method of use, particularly the premixed mixture and the application through the bleach port of the washing machine have been clarified, and therefore it is respectfully submitted that the objection under Section 103(a) based upon Rit has been overcome.

Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 1-9 is therefore respectfully requested.

New claims 10 through 17 have been added to vary the scope of the claims and clarify the present invention. All limitations are supported by the original disclosure including the specification, drawings and original claims. Therefore, no new matter has been added. The new claims are believed to be allowable.

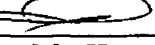
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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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